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## Daley-Laursen reflects on year

Reid Wright  
Argonaut

Steven Daley-Laursen sinks into a leather chair in his dark office in the Administration Building and reflect on his time as interim president of the University of Idaho.

He speaks warmly and at great length of the experience, calling it "fulfilling."

"The most humbling moments have been in the last two weeks," he said. "People have stood collectively and provided what I think is a very ... sincere 'thank you.' It has been moving beyond description."

Asked what he would do differently if given the chance, he pauses for the first time, gazing for a long moment through the blinds at an overcast morning sky.

"Many problems are caused by a lack of communication," he said. "And an institution has a hard time staying together and mobilizing its resources if there isn't enough communication."

Although Daley-Laursen didn't give a specific example, there were many times during his administration where he had to respond publicly to controversial situations that were not derived from his decisions.

"I think we've improved our internal communications," he said. "Transparency, honesty, sharing with people what they need to know in order to be comfortable and make decisions ... you're always trying to do that a little better."

The foundations of the Program Prioritization Process were laid during the administration of Tim White but didn't come to fruition until this year. Rumors spread about entire departments being shut down. In the end, 32 individual degree programs were recommended for closure and consolidation to the Idaho State Board of Education.

"No matter what you're making a decision about," Daley-Laursen said, "you need to understand what the dominant thinking and feeling is about that topic in the current culture. And if you want to move that culture with your decision, you need to understand where they are now and try

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# Plugging in

Idaho works to do its part as national energy standards change

Reid Wright  
Argonaut

A selling point of President Barack Obama's historic campaign for the presidency was converting the national energy system from one reliant on fossil fuels to one that uses renewable resources, which he said would also create jobs.

Since Idaho does not produce fossil fuels, it is in a unique position to look to other sources. In 2005, 48 percent of Idaho's electricity came from hydro-electric dams throughout the Northwest. It also has the second lowest electricity costs in the country.

Still, Idaho suffers from an energy deficit. Demand for electricity is growing faster than Idaho's supply. Forty-five percent of Idaho's energy was imported from out of state in 2003.

Some Idaho researchers are on the leading edge of alternative energy development. These technologies may provide the energy and economy that will fuel Idaho's future.

### From the forests

Jay O'Laughlin, a University of Idaho professor and chair of the Forestry Task Force of the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance, proposes using waste wood from forests and sawmills to fuel boilers. These would provide steam heating to buildings and residences in Idaho's communities. This potential energy source has been utilized in Idaho for decades.

Modern steam heating, such as the UI's Steam Plant, can be used in a closed system with little water loss. It can also utilize reverse processes to cool buildings.

"I don't call it wood waste,"

he said. "What we have is a resource."

O'Laughlin said burning wood as a source of energy will thin forests, helping to prevent forest fires, create a renewable energy source and create more jobs in the lumber industry.

"The best way to create new resources is to use what we have more efficiently," he said. "This is the future — taking things we consider waste and using it for energy."

Burning wood in a controlled manner would also reduce greenhouse gas emissions, he said. Fewer pollutants are released when burned in a high temperature environment such as a boiler, he said. "I call it 'wood bio-energy,'" he said.

Although burning wood produces carbon dioxide, considered a greenhouse gas, O'Laughlin said it is part of a natural cycle that occurs when wood decays on the forest floor or was burned in a wildfire. In contrast, fossil fuels take carbon out of the earth and release it into the atmosphere, a process known as carbon sequestration.

"Carbon emissions are biogenic rather than entropic," he said. "It's part of the natural carbon cycle."

The problem with a secondary product such as waste wood as an energy source is its dependency on the market

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2005 electricity sources for Idaho

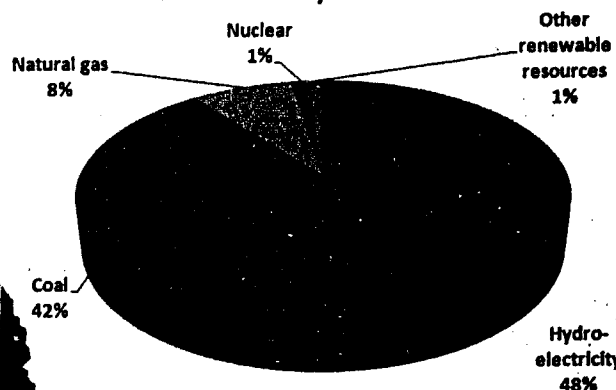


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"This is the future — taking things we consider waste and using it for energy."

Jay O'LAUGHLIN  
Idaho Forestry Task Force of the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance



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2003 Idaho energy consumption

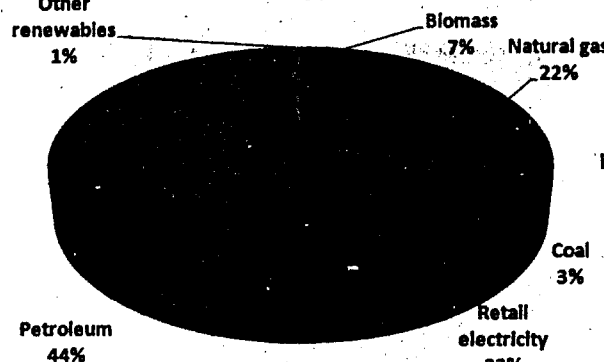


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## WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

# Idaho to play in program's survival

Cheyenne Hollis  
Argonaut

Washington State University closed the curtain on its Department of Theater and Dance last week, but the stage is now set for Idaho to help save the program.

In an 11th-hour decision Thursday, WSU eliminated the Department of Theater and Dance as part of the initial budget proposal. Everyone in the department knew budget cuts were coming, but a complete cut of the department was never discussed, said Mike Coletta, a junior theater arts and English major and the director of the Nuthouse Improv group.

"The Idaho Department of Theatre and Film is willing to do whatever it takes to save the Washington State the-

ater program," said UI department chair Dean Panttaja. "It is unfortunate for WSU's program to be cut, but I am sure we could work with them to help the program survive."

A collaboration with Idaho is one of many proposals the WSU theater and dance department is considering to stave off elimination, WSU Theater Facilities Coordinator Jon Carlson said.

"We have worked with WSU in the past and have shared resources before, so it would not be a problem for us," Panttaja said. "Everything is hypothetical right now, and once we get some numbers, we will have a better idea of how we can help WSU."

There would be some issues if Idaho were to help out WSU's theater and dance program — the most notable being the structure of the two departments,

Carlson said.

"Our program is set up into two categories: performance and production, while WSU's program runs a little differently," Panttaja said. "We do not handle dance, either, so those who were focusing on dance at WSU would have to go through the dance department at Idaho and not us."

Carlson said the most important thing is ensuring the WSU Department of Theatre and Dance does not get cut completely.

"I really don't care what we have to do to survive as long as the department remains in some form," Coletta said. "Everybody thinks that our department doesn't matter, but we do a lot of really great stuff and play an important role in

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## UI student finds body by highway

Argonaut staff

A University of Idaho student discovered the body of 21-year-old Stuart John Robertson after he died after supposedly falling off a cliff.

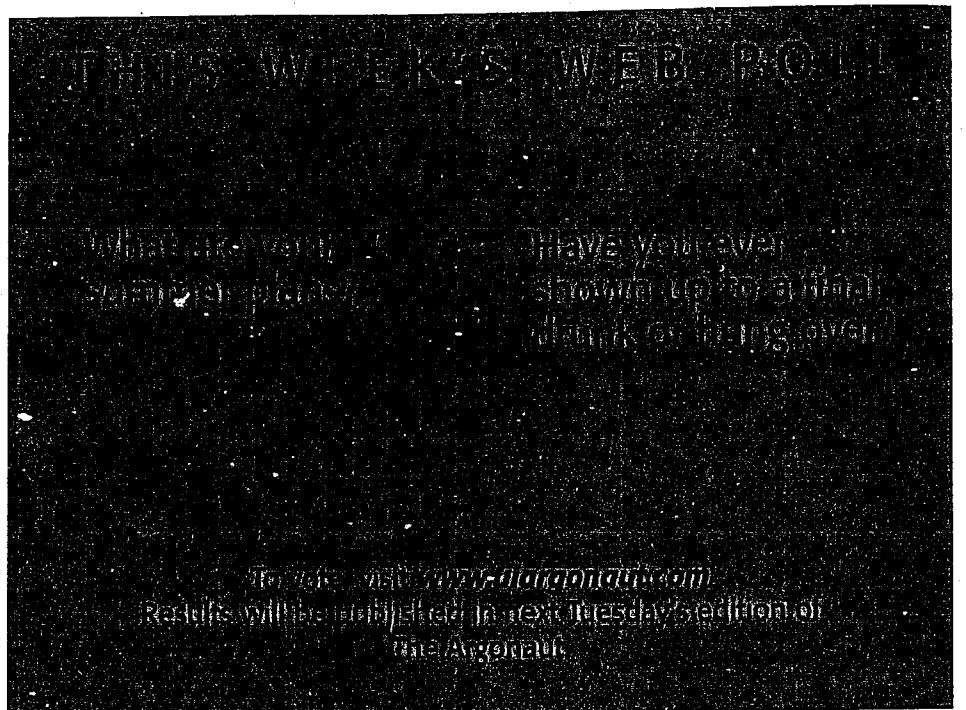
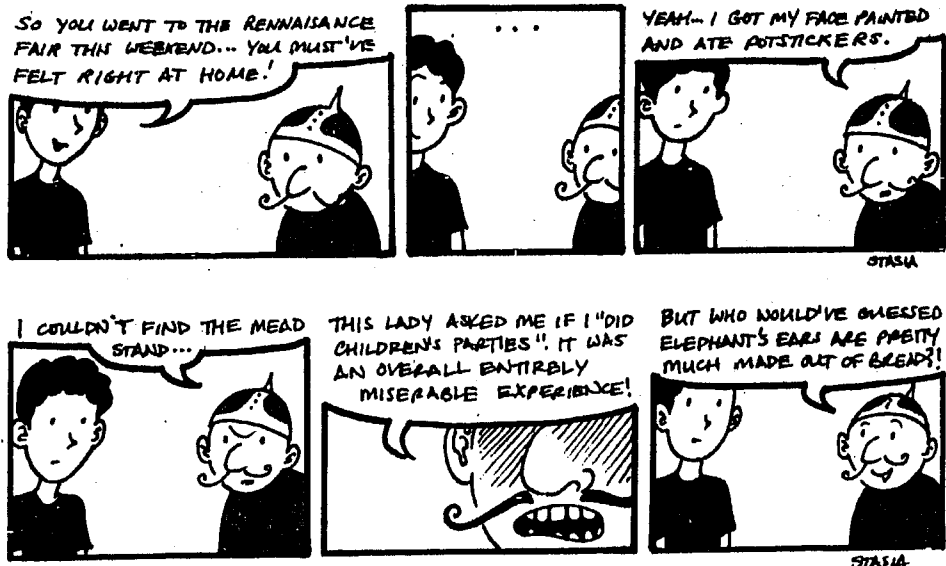
According to the Pullman police, the Washington State University student was found Saturday morning on the side of State Route Highway 270, approximately one-quarter mile east of Bishop Boulevard in Pullman.

Police said Robertson had been at a party Friday night at the Chinook Village Apartments. He left around midnight, and "officers believe that Robertson ended his walk near the cliffs area, which was close to the apartment building, and apparently fell about 40 feet to his death," according to a news release.

An autopsy will be performed in the next few days to determine Robertson's exact cause of death. Robertson was a viticulture/enology major originally from Bend, Ore.

**Percy the Barbarian**

Stasia Burrington/Argonaut



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**Speak out: How worried are you about swine flu?**

**Carmin Vanderkarr**  
freshman, art

"Not at all."



**Brandon Reinstein**  
freshman, biology

"The people walking around with surgical masks make me laugh."



**Cody Erhart**  
senior, landscape architecture

"Currently, there are three times as many pigs as people in Denmark... I'm worried about those people."



**Narao Urrestarazu**  
Spanish instructor

"I wasn't worried until people in Spain started asking me lots of questions about it."



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**WEB POLL RESULTS**

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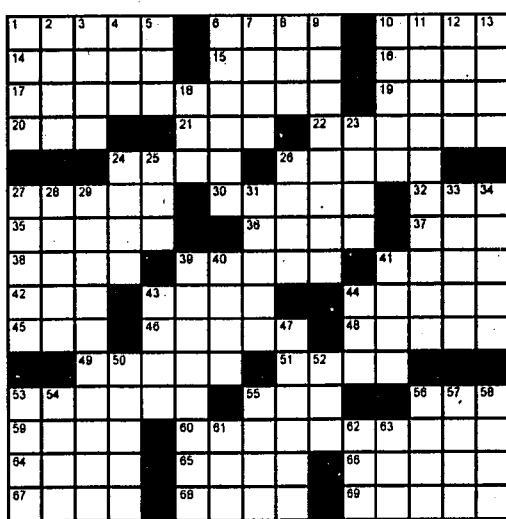
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**Crossword**

- Across**
- 1 "Halt!" to a salt
  - 6 Brooklyn Dodgers, once
  - 10 Chew the fat
  - 14 Embankment
  - 15 Jacob's twin
  - 16 Norse god of discord
  - 17 Boo! Hiss!
  - 19 The Emerald Isle
  - 20 Adage
  - 21 Over (Poet.)
  - 22 Coarse
  - 24 Pop
  - 26 Ketchup name
  - 27 Butcher's garbage
  - 30 Drive!
  - 32 Mouse catcher
  - 35 Pooh's creator
  - 36 Author Rice
  - 37 Modern (Prefix)
  - 38 Okla. city
  - 39 Conifers
  - 41 Asterisk
  - 42 One-horse carriage
  - 43 Burbot
  - 44 Italian wine
  - 45 Cigar residue
  - 46 Inquired
  - 48 Burns and \_\_\_\_
  - 49 Cuts back
  - 51 Enough, for some
  - 53 Noble Italian family name
  - 55 Hot springs
  - 56 Santa's helper
  - 59 Pub quaffs
  - 60 Mutual
  - 64 Rolling in dough
  - 65 Brio
  - 66 Search engine name
  - 67 H. H. Munro AKA
- Down**
- 1 Priestly garb
  - 2 Actress Miles
  - 3 Swear
  - 4 Rep.'s counterpart
  - 5 John Ritter's dad
  - 6 Decapitate
  - 7 Consumer
  - 8 Actress West
  - 9 Certain physicians
  - 10 Free from dirt
  - 11 Flat and level
  - 12 Related
  - 13 Pint-sized
  - 18 Atlantic food fish
  - 23 Agitate
  - 24 Hourglass contents
  - 25 Corrida cry
  - 26 Fine-tune
  - 27 Alpha's opposite
  - 28 The end, theatrically
  - 29 Aircraft carrier part
  - 31 Cooktop
  - 33 Move in and out through traffic
  - 34 Two Women star
  - 39 Social insects
  - 40 Signs, as a contract
  - 41 Exclusive
  - 43 Secular
  - 44 Pouch
  - 47 Taking drugs
  - 50 Hindu sage
  - 52 Forty winks
  - 53 ET locale?
  - 54 Charles Lamb's AKA
  - 55 Glance over
  - 56 Canyon sound
  - 57 Mekong River land
  - 58 Ice sheet
  - 61 Actor Wallach
  - 62 Swedish shag rug
  - 63 Sculler's need



**Sudoku**

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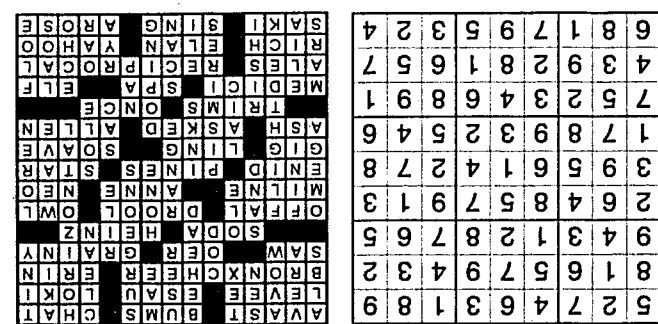
**Corrections**

In Friday's edition of The Argonaut, Dylan Dixon's name was misspelled in a caption for the "Snowmobile team takes third" story.

Find a mistake? Send an e-mail to the section editor.

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**Solutions**



# Teamwork crucial at NRS

**Chava Thomas**  
Argonaut

Those who can't do, teach. This saying doesn't apply to Bill Parks, who has a doctorate in business and is the owner and founder of Northwest River Supplies.

"I just wanted to see if I could do what I was teaching," he said.

Parks started the company, which sells supplies for paddle sports and camping, in 1972 while he was teaching at the University of Oregon. When he was hired at the University of Idaho, he moved his business to Moscow.

NRS is the second largest financial generator in Moscow, next to Wal-Mart. The company employs many college students in its warehouse, and hires graduates from the UI College of Business and Economics.

Until the mid 1990s, Parks maintained his position as a UI professor. As NRS grew, he said he felt he could not perform both jobs well.

"I was spread too thin," he said.

Parks said NRS has been affected by the current economic climate. He said in times of economic downturn, people tended to cut down on leisure activities.

"We're in pretty good shape, but it's concerning," he said.

NRS sells to 15 countries and its products are sold in many stores, but it started as a catalog service. The company didn't begin wholesaling until 1982.

Parks said the bigger the company, the narrower the job description.

"If you work for a giant corporation, you learn one job," he said.

NRS is built on the notion of "cross-training." Employees

learn to perform many jobs, so they can fill in when needed.

Tony Manzini, chief financial officer of NRS and a UI business graduate, was hired as an accountant, but took sales calls when others weren't available.

"It's the idea that everyone is interchangeable," he said.

Manzini said the idea was more important when the company was smaller.

"We are a team," he said, "and we're in this together."

Janelle Heitmann is one example of this principle. She works in customer service, but her job overlaps into other areas, like Web design.

"We help each other out when we need it," she said.

NRS is the exclusive U.S. distributor for TrekSta shoes, which are made in Korea and have fiberglass technology to ease walking on ice.

"If you're walking on some-

thing that's really slippery, like ice, the glass fibers grab the pores in the surface," Parks said.

Almost all of their products are NRS branded and designed in the Pacific Northwest. The company sells everything from boats to apparel.

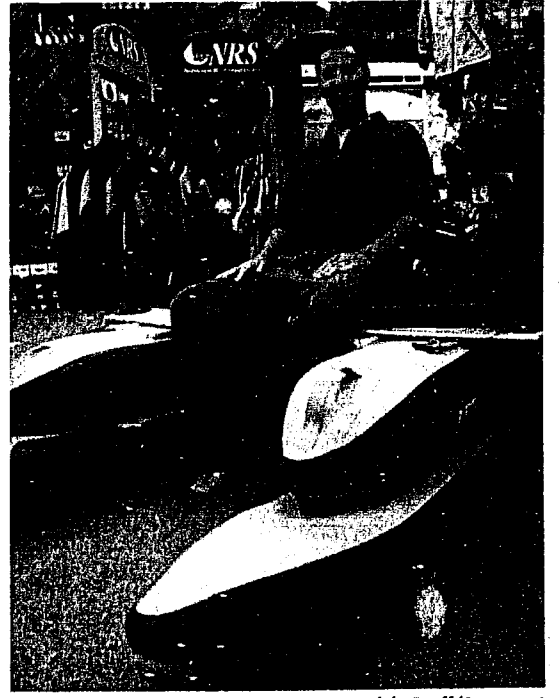
"I'm literally amazed to look at all the products we sell," Parks said.

Parks became interested in river sports about three years before he started NRS. He said he was lucky he didn't know about river sports until later in life.

"I was skiing in the winter, which left me with the question of what to do in the summer," he said. "Fortunately, I didn't become a bum."

Parks said his favorite river to run is the Middle Fork of the Salmon River.

"It's hard to get a permit, so I can't run it as often as I'd like," he said.



Nick Groff/Argonaut  
Jim Macallister, a Northwest River Supplies sales employee and fly fisherman, poses on the newest fishing boat produced by NRS, the GigBob, in the NRS sales showroom. Macallister and his wife, who is a Ph.D. student at the University of Idaho, recently moved from Whitefish, Mont., to Moscow.

# Changes coming in electronic waste disposal

**Greg Connolly**  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho will have to find a new way to dispose of e-waste by January 1, 2010.

Currently, UI ships e-waste to a recycler in Oregon, but because of changes in Oregon state law, it can no longer be accepted there after the January deadline.

"We dealt with 24 tons of monitors and 24 tons of computers last year," said Jerry Martin, the recycling, surplus and solid waste supervisor.

Martin will now have to submit a request for proposal, which would publicize the need for a new recycler to accept UI's e-waste. The information for the RFP has been compiled, and it will be sent out soon, he said.

Once the possible suitors have been identified, Martin and his of-

fice will ensure they follow guidelines from the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.

"We don't want to see our e-waste end up in shipping containers featured on 60 Minutes," Martin said.

Finally, request for quotes would be sent out to the companies that meet the guidelines. The request would generate cost estimates from the companies, and from there, they could develop plans.

Still, before any electronics reach the recycler in Oregon, UI Surplus goes through and tests each unit to see if there are any parts of value.

"We take all the working hard drives out and make absolutely sure there is no information left on them," Martin said.

"We turn over the student com-

puter labs every four years," said Chuck Lanham, ITS director. "We replace 25 percent of the computers each year."

Before designating any of the machines as surplus, ITS checks to see if other departments around campus need them.

As there are around 500 computers in the computer labs around campus, that equates to about 125 being retired on any given year.

"We have approximately 10,000 devices on campus," Lanham said, "but that includes PDA's, servers and printers, not just computers."

Higher performance machines — such as those used for research and other more demanding applications — are replaced every three years, but those machines often trickle down to other people within their department who have a need

for the machine, Lanham said.

Machines that make it to UI Surplus are either parted out or sold at weekly surplus sales. The sales are from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays at the UI Surplus Office.

The excess is sent to the recycler in Oregon.

There's also a plan in place to draft a request for innovation once the RFP returns, and there's a more definite idea of what it will cost to ship e-waste to a new recycler, Martin said.

The RFI would look to create a set of guidelines for dealing with e-waste on campus.

Martin said other things are also being considered for inclusion on the RFI, such as a plan to

lease computers instead of buying them, as it would greatly cut down on e-waste.

UI Surplus is made up of two full-time employees, and Martin, who must also spend time in UI Recycling and UI Solid Waste. The two employees must go through all of the incoming surplus and identify whether or not there is anything salvageable.

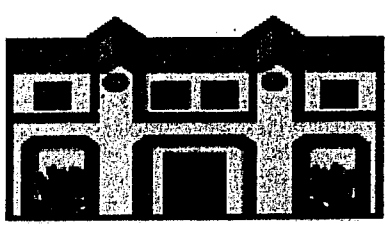
"Many recyclers offer to go through the waste and identify valuable parts for a fee," Martin said, "but we do it here."

While the recyclers are able to salvage and sell certain components and materials from what is sent to them, some of the material is unmarketable and placed in a landfill.

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# Sangria Grille offers apprenticeship

**Sarah Yama**  
Argonaut

Sangria Grille, owned by George Skandalos and Carly Lilly, has one of the largest menus in town, but few know what happens in the kitchen.

Sangria is not your usual restaurant, with line cooks and fryers — it offers a functioning apprenticeship program that allows people to learn valuable skills in culinary arts and even restaurant and kitchen management.

Skandalos, one of the founders of the program, was educated at the University of London and obtained a degree in finance. When he graduated, he received a call from his mother.

"She called me up, and she wanted to open a restaurant in California," Skandalos said. "I was hesitant at first but agreed."

Skandalos learned how to cook from chefs who worked for his mother.

"The cooks were really unruly, and I had been learning how to cook from them," Skandalos said. "We had a brother, a father and a sister working for us and one day they were extremely rude to my mother so I fired them. They laughed at me and asked who would cook and I said I would."

The dishwasher and Skandalos cooked that

lunch rush and he has been a chef ever since.

While working in Southern California, Skandalos met Lilly, who also worked for his mother. Eventually they came to Moscow to establish Sangria Grille.

The restaurant opened in 2004 and the two had the idea to start a formal training program for people who wanted to learn how to work in the kitchen, whether it be cooking or management.

"It's a formalized kitchen," Skandalos said, "it gives people skills that translate into different areas — people can go on as managers or open a restaurant."

The program begins with learning sanitation and equipment, the very essentials in cooking.

"People usually start out as dishwashers, where they learn sanitation and the names of each piece of equipment," Skandalos said.

The next step includes working as a prep cook.

"Next, they learn knife skills, safety when prepping and other basic skills," Skandalos said. "When they completely know their station, they then teach and train others with that station."

Cooking stations are next on the list. For example, someone can learn how to work at the sauté station, where they have to know not only how to sauté but

how to clean and prepare the things they are cooking. If they work at a grill station, they must know how to cut and prepare meat as well.

"The program allows the mentoring of young chefs," Skandalos said. "It creates discipline through the movement of goals and levels and ideas of what it would be like to run a professional kitchen."

While the program is not run in accordance with the University of Idaho, a chemical engineering student currently works his way through the levels with dreams to open his own restaurant.

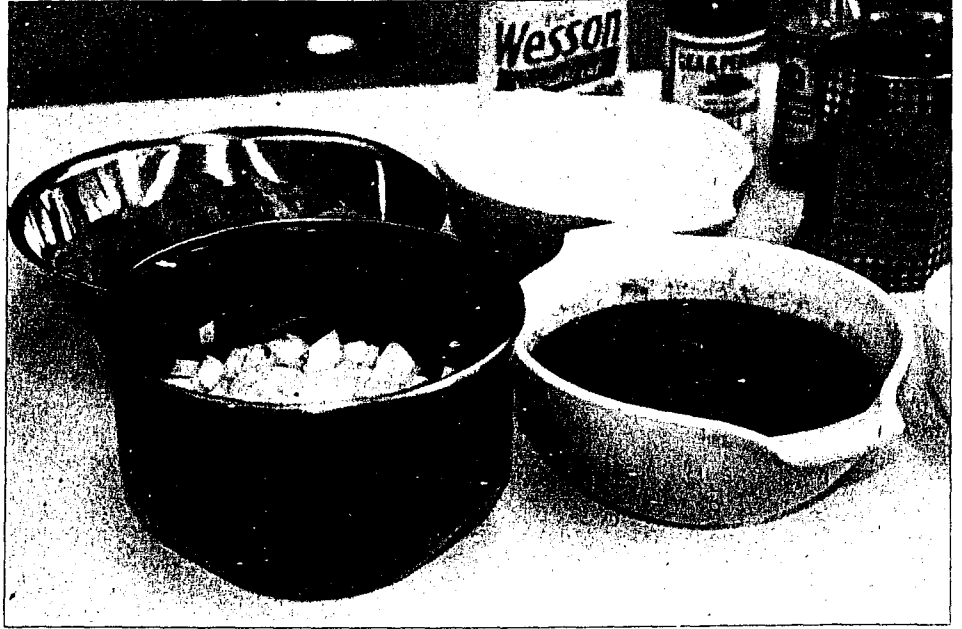
"In the short term, I would like to use my chemical engineering experience in the food industry, people have been using it in the wine and cheese development," said Nathan Suhr, a UI sophomore.

Suhr started out as a server but when those positions were full, he began bussing tables.

"I took a keen interest in the kitchen and began learning how appetizers are placed," Suhr said. "One day the manager offered me a place in the program."

One of Suhr's most memorable experiences in the kitchen involved a prep cook.

"One of the prep cooks made our sweet corn tamales and had mixed up the



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

A spread of ingredients sit at the ready to to cook curry chicken. This summer Sangria Grille, owned by George Skandalos and Carly Lilly, will offer an apprenticeship program for students and community members to develop skills in the culinary art under a professional chef.

salt and sugar ratios," Suhr said. "It was so terrible no one could eat it."

Along with the cooking skills Suhr is learning, he is also learning important aspects of social interaction.

"You learn respect for chefs and the people you are training as well as the servers," Suhr said.

People or students in the Moscow community who are interested in culinary

arts are encouraged to join, but both Suhr and Skandalos offer a warning.

"It has to be a job first and foremost, it is not something you can sign up for on a list," Skandalos said. "I can teach you how to cook, but I can't teach you how to be hard working and dedicated, that is something you will have to bring to the table."

"It's a lot of hard work,"

Suhr said. "You have to be dedicated and make sacrifices," he said.

While sacrifice may have to be made, the skills and techniques the program offers is worthwhile.

"The program is amazing and I'm learning skills that I can take with me down the road," Suhr said. "I'm learning cooking, management and intrapersonal skills. It is extremely rewarding."

# University alumni celebrated with tree dedication



Steven Devine/Argonaut

Maynard and Margaret Fosberg plant a Scarlet Oak during the Silver and Gold dedication Friday outside the TLC. The event honored the Fosbergs for their contributions to the university.

**Kelcie Moseley**  
Argonaut

Margaret and Maynard Fosberg were honored by the Student Alumni Relations Board Friday at the Silver/Gold Tree Dedication. A Scarlet Oak that stands in front of the Teaching and Learning Center now has the Fosbergs' name attached to it.

Shea Nesbitt chaired this year's Silver/Gold event with SARb. The event has been held every year since 1981 to recognize individuals who have contributed greatly to the university. A short ceremony is held, and people speak on behalf of the honorees before they plant the tree, using the same shovel Theodore Roosevelt used when he visited the university.

"Every year, people like the Fosbergs are nominated to get their recognition," Nesbitt said. "A tree is planted in their honor, or in this case, dedicated."

Maynard served UI as a soil science professor until he retired, and he is also credited with helping to establish the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity when he attended the university. He was an active member of the fraternity throughout his years in school.

Faculty members and close friends of the Fosbergs gathered at the dedication to congratulate them. The Fosbergs sat in the front row, and many individuals walked up to them before the ceremony to shake their hands and congratulate them. Current members of both Alpha Gamma Rho and Alpha Gamma Delta

were also in attendance.

Martha Hunt said she and the Fosbergs have "been friends forever," and she felt they deserved the honor.

"They're just crazy about the University of Idaho," Hunt said. "I'm so glad (SARb) picked them."

Fosberg helped found and was an active member of Alpha Gamma Delta during her years at the university and was a nurse at the Student Health Center. Speakers at the ceremony addressed some of her classic speeches about student health around campus and pointed to her leadership and empowerment of young women through the years.

John Foltz, associate dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, spoke about the Fosbergs at the event. He cited Maynard's achievements, including his monolith system the soil science department still uses in its curriculum and his assistance in programs around the state that increase recruitment for their department.

"I think it's fitting that a growing thing is being planted in your honor and will be here for many years to come," Foltz said.

After Foltz spoke, the Fosbergs were called up and shoveled dirt over the newly dedicated tree with the gold Roosevelt shovel. When he approached the podium, Maynard's speech was brief. He said they both felt honored to have been chosen.

"You know, I've planted hundreds of thousands of trees in my life, but I never thought I'd have one planted for me," Fosberg said.

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# Assistant football coach gets DUI

**Patrick Orr**  
Idaho Statesman

A University of Idaho assistant football coach was arrested on a DUI charge early Monday morning near Meridian, according to Ada County Sheriff's Office reports.

Mark Criner, 42, the Vandals' defensive coordinator, was booked into the Ada County Jail in Boise around 2 a.m. before posting bond.

Sheriff's officials say Criner was pulled over around 12:30 a.m. at the West Stafford Drive and West Fordham

Drive intersection, near the Eagle Road/Chinden Boulevard neighborhood.

Deputies report that Criner was seen driving erratically in the area of Eagle Road near Fairview Avenue just after midnight and was pulled over a short time later.

Deputies report that Criner failed field sobriety tests and later failed a breath test, which revealed a .127 blood alcohol level, which is in excess of Idaho's .08 limit.

Becky Paull, a spokeswoman for the University of Idaho athletic department, did not have an immediate com-

ment on Criner's arrest.

UI released a statement later Monday saying it was placing Criner on indefinite administrative leave with pay, pending the outcome of the legal process and the university's internal investigation.

Criner, a native of Fresno, Calif., was hired as defensive coordinator for the Vandals in 2007. He graduated from Boise State University in 1990 and played for the Broncos.

Criner's father, Jim Criner, was the head football coach at Boise State during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

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to move them in increment."

He said the challenge was finding a balance between sharing too much information and not enough.

"In a period like this," he said, "people are always fearful that they don't have all the information."

Daley-Laursen said the PPP was part of a strategic plan that eased the blow of a greater challenge — the economic downturn and state budget cuts.

"We had to adjust our expectations," he said. "That's hard to do when you're an institution with hopes and dreams."

### Dirty Sanchez

Another issue Daley-Laursen said was difficult to respond to was the behavior of UI fans at the Jan. 29 basketball game against Boise State University, during which they chanted the term "dirty Sanchez."

"It wasn't difficult for me to decide that I need to make a statement about appropriate behavior," he said. "The challenging part is to get the real story about what happened, what was said, and what was meant and then have that message be appropriate ... I learned from it and I think we sent the right messages."

### Being an interim

Daley-Laursen said he never felt constrained or diminished by his interim status. "I have felt that coming in, I had social capital because people knew me," he said. "They had come to know me as a decision maker. They had come to

know me and my philosophy and vision ... I think people appreciated that the things important to me were how people worked together as well as what it is they work on."

Daley-Laursen, who had previously served as UI Dean of the College of Natural Resources, said he was more hindered by the short duration of his year-long term.

"Being appointed for a defined period of time," he said, "you want to be able to finish what you started."

As interim president, Daley-Laursen said he had to make important decisions that affected the lives of UI faculty and staff, but felt confident about those decisions.

"If you have basic principles and values that you know you have taken the time to think through and understand where they came from, they're a compass for you," he said. "Basic principles in operation in operation will guide you more than anything else."

He said his personal principles included self-mediation, addressing the urgent, living within and growing your means and working with others toward a common goal.

He said sharing leadership with others is a key part of his administration, and he wanted to extend a "resounding thank you" to his executive team, as well as student, faculty and staff leaders.

One of the biggest accomplishments of his administration, Daley-Laursen said, was a presentation to the Idaho Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee this spring.

"That presentation was about the power of the people here and what they work on," he said, emphasizing it drew a positive response. "The leadership of the legislature has described that presentation as 'top shelf' and that the respect for our university has risen measurably."

### Looking to the future

Although Daley-Laursen says he does not have definitive plans for the near future, he is in touch with a search firm looking at potential presidencies at other universities.

"If we were to pursue something like that, it would have to be a very good match," he said.

There are also employment opportunities for Daley-Laursen at UI, he said, but he would not disclose what they were.

In the meantime, Daley-Laursen said he is working to ease the transition into the Duane Nellis presidency. Nellis will take over July 1.

"Dr. Nellis and I have

agreed to work together on the launching of the new government relations task

**"If you know the basic principles and values ... they're a compass for you."**

**STEVEN DALEY-LAURSEN**  
UI interim president

"We have been methodical about this, setting up a model, sharing information, asking how they want information in the future," he said.

Despite the challenges of the coming fiscal year, Daley-Laursen remains optimistic about the future.

"I've very much enjoyed my time with Dr. Nellis, with Ruthie Nellis," he said. "We are very fortunate to have them coming here to lead this institution ... Very dedicated people, they want to live here and they want to be with this institution. I think it's going to be a great era of leadership."

## PoliceLOG

### Monday

1:20 p.m. Farm Road: Caller said there was a leaking car battery on the road.

3:58 p.m. Nez Perce Drive: Caller said his laptop was taken from his home over the weekend.

5:10 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller reported a broken vehicle.

### Tuesday

12:58 a.m. Sixth Street: Caller said he was jumped.

10:46 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller reported a marijuana smell.

### Wednesday

7:16 p.m. Nez Perce Drive: Caller said three or four skateboarders were riding on the road.

10:06 p.m. Elm Street: Officers issued a noise warning.

### Thursday

3:08 p.m. West Sixth Street: Officers cited a male for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

8:24 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller reported a male who was so drunk, he could barely walk.

### Friday

1:11 a.m. Idaho Avenue: Caller reported an intoxicated female on a sidewalk.

11:22 a.m. Stadium Drive: Law, fire and EMS responded to a bike and car collision. The bike rider was taken to Gritman Medical Center.

4:38 p.m. Stadium Drive: Caller said his possessions were stolen while

he played racquetball.

4:45 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller said his red Mazda was damaged sometime in the night.

11:46 p.m. West Sixth Street: Officers responded to an alarm and determined it had been set off by janitors.

### Saturday

10:20 a.m. University of Idaho campus: Caller said she was upset because her children were in the car while a man in another vehicle looked like he was smoking some kind of drug and made hand gestures as he smoked.

3:01 p.m. West Third Street: Caller said their bike was stolen.

9:17 p.m. Blake Avenue: Police received a report of a student having a verbal argument with a former faculty member.

10:17 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers warned a house president because a speaker in front of the house was too loud.

11:42 p.m. Blake Avenue: Caller said two males were trying to steal street signs. Officers responded and found no trace of the men and no damage to any sign.

### Sunday

2:57 a.m. University Avenue: Caller said a male wearing a shirt with a U.S. flag on it is refusing to leave the property.

1:42 p.m. Idaho Avenue: Caller reported a bag of what appeared to be needles outside of a dumpster.

3:03 p.m. Line Street: Caller reported a broken window in the Agriculture Building.

3:11 p.m. Elm Street: Officers responded to a possible traffic offense.

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## Campus CALENDAR

### Today

Academic advising brown bag lunch  
12:30 p.m.  
Albertson Building

"More Than Meets the Eye: Your GLBT Friends and Neighbors"  
7 p.m.  
1912 Center

### Wednesday

"Balancing Two Worlds: Family and Career"  
7 p.m.  
Idaho Commons

"The Book of Dads" reading  
7:30 p.m.  
College of Law courtroom

### Thursday

"Global Change Impacts on Chihuahuan Desert Ecosystems"  
10 a.m.  
Idaho Commons

Judy McPherson retirement reception  
Noon  
Shoup Hall

Women's article club  
4 p.m.  
Women's Center

Student Composer Concert  
7:30 p.m.  
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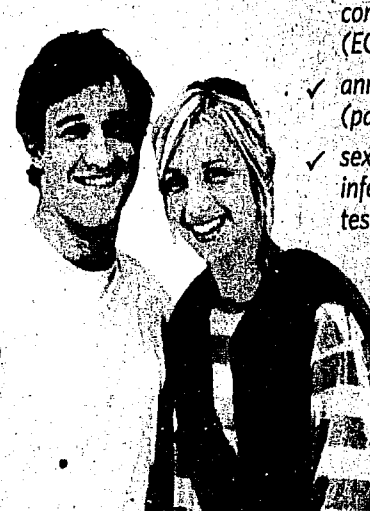
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whims of the primary commodity. Since the collapse of the housing market, demand for lumber has decreased, causing many lumber mills to close down or reduce operations.

"Lumber production is half what it was two years ago," he said. "That's a big hit."

Still, O'Laughlin expects the lumber industry in North Idaho to bounce back.

"Wood is such a versatile material," he said. "There will always be a need for it." O'Laughlin points out that although the industry is in a lull, that does not necessarily apply to the resource.

"The trees are still out there and still growing," he said. "The resource is still there."

O'Laughlin said wood-fired boilers can also be used to create steam, which generates electricity, but using the steam for heat is more efficient. A hybrid system which uses both is optimal, he said.

Wood fuel will gain an economic advantage over coal if a tax is placed on carbon emissions, he said.

Coal power plants could combine wood to the coal they burn to reduce emissions and costs, O'Laughlin said. Up to 15 percent wood can be burned without any modifications to existing coal plants.

One of the challenges of collecting waste wood from the forest is the bulk and difficulty of transport, because most the mass of wood is air and water. O'Laughlin said one solution is to chip the wood or turn it into pellets for transport.

Wood can even be chemically broken down into bio-diesel, a process used by Russia during World War II. However, the

process is not very efficient or economical, he said.

ISEA receives no state funding for expenses or wages. O'Laughlin said members pay their own expenses.

"We do it because we think it's important," he said.

## From the sky

Turbine wind farms produce renewable electricity, which could be the next cash crop for Idaho, said Boise State University researcher Todd Haynes.

"Every kilowatt hour of electricity that we import, we're sending money out of the state," he said. "Every time we put up a wind farm, we're keeping dollars at home."

The U.S. Department of Energy Web site stated that wind power is the cleanest and most economical source of renewable energy. Idaho ranks 13th in the nation for wind power potential — as much as Washington and Oregon combined, Haynes said.

"A problem in Idaho is that we don't live up to our potential," he said, citing the need for development of wind farms and transmission infrastructure.

Haynes proposes developing wind farms to not only provide energy for use inside the state, but for export to neighboring states during times of high production.

"We should be taking advantage of wind when we have it," he said. "Demand is growing rapidly in other states. They pay much more than Idaho ... a lot of that is driven by policy."

Due to government policies and taxes against non-renewable energy, some states in the Northwest pay more for renewable electricity. Exporting wind power has the potential to bring in economic revenue, he said.

"(Idaho residents) don't sell potatoes

to each other," he said. "They sell them to other states."

Even if Idaho doesn't produce wind electricity, it can still benefit from the manufacturing and service of wind turbines and equipment, Haynes said.

Europe-based Nordic Wind Power Ltd. recently selected Pocatello as the location for its North America wind turbine manufacturing plant. Also, CPM Precision Machine Inc., stationed in Boise, manufactures the Blackhawk Vertical Axis Wind Turbine for individual home use.

Haynes said this type of manufacturing will create jobs for Idaho citizens.

Idaho's location near fast growing wind energy states in the nation make it ideal for the production of wind generators, Haynes said.

Maintaining wind turbines and infrastructure can also provide jobs for Idaho graduates. Idaho State University is considering developing a wind technologies degree program, Haynes said.

The main drawback of wind power is its intermittency due to the unpredictable nature of wind. This creates problems for power grid operators, because power grids cannot store electricity, they can only transmit it from a provider to a user.

Haynes compares operating a power grid to walking a tightrope — with electricity being produced on one side and electricity consumed on the other. He said with traditional generators, such as coal power plants, grid operators are able to keep at least one side of the equation stable and predictable. With wind energy, this is not possible.

To offset this, Haynes is developing processes to store wind energy and better forecast the behavior of winds.

To store wind energy, Haynes is looking to a method that involves using a wind turbine to compress air, which can be released later to turn a turbine a produce electricity. The problem with this technique is it traditionally uses underground caverns as a place to store the compressed air. This makes it location specific, and when compressed air is released, it comes out at a colder temperature, which hinders the efficiency of the generator. To offset this, natural gas is often burned to warm the generator.

Hayne's model moves the storage of compressed air to above-ground tanks and uses the compressed air to push water through a turbine to prevent cooling.

"We can improve it by not making it site specific, and not using natural gas," he said. "We think it is a practical solution."

Other methods of wind-energy storage are also being looked at by researchers, such as fly wheels and batteries, he said.

"In every case, there's a cost," he said, citing monetary and energy costs. "Everybody is trying to see if they can come up with the best way to store wind power."

Even with effective forecasting and storage of wind power, Haynes acknowledges that Idaho cannot be powered by wind generators alone, but as a supplemental power source that can stimulate the state's economy.

"Wind power is the most competitive on an economic scale," he said.

**"A problem in Idaho is we don't live up to our potential."**

Todd HAYNES  
BSU researcher

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the community."

WSU students started protesting the decision on Friday morning — hours before the official budget proposal had been released.

"We are not going to take this lightly because no department deserves to be treated like this," Coletta said. "No one told us there was a possibility our department would be cut and that is why this decision is unfair."

WSU faces a minimum budget reduction of \$54 million during the next two years. At a Friday public forum, WSU President Elson S. Floyd said he was unable to continue making the investments the theater and dance department needed to properly operate.

Those protesting the decision have started a petition and are creating letters to be sent to the WSU administration in other attempts to save the department, Carlson said.

"It seems like the university is refusing to let us have a chance to save our program," Coletta

said. "Rather we get help from Idaho, spread the budgets cuts to other departments or try to raise the needed money ourselves — we just want a chance to save our program."

Carlson said now that WSU has cut its program other schools, including Eastern Washington University, facing similar budget issues as WSU, could follow the trend.

"At Idaho, we have a very strong regional reputation and very good undergraduate and graduate programs in our department," Panttaja said. "These

financial times are tough for all departments, and we had had our cuts like everyone else."

Panttaja said despite the cuts, the department is in a good position with employment rates around 80 percent for graduates with a bachelor's degree and 95 percent for graduates with a master's degree.

"Arts departments are always the most likely to get cut when economic times are hard," Panttaja said. "What people do not realize is the arts play an important role in society during these difficult times."

**"Arts departments are always the most likely to get cut when economic times are hard."**

Dean PANTTAJA  
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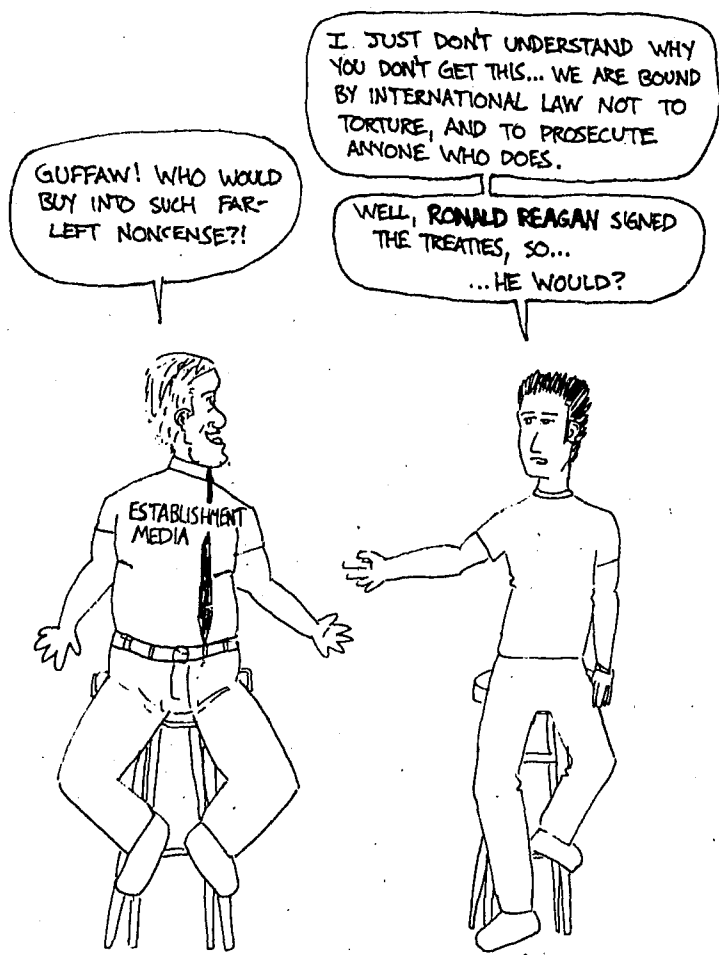
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## OurVIEW

# Don't panic

### Swine flu hype a tiresome distraction

Swine flu. It's all over TV, newspapers and the Internet. It's mentioned so often, one would think we all have it.

But we all don't. Actually, not many people do.

As of Monday morning, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recorded just one death from H1N1 in the United States, and only 35 infected Americans required hospitalization. Dr. Richard E. Besser, acting director of the CDC, said it's likely there are more than 700 "probable cases" in the United States — most of them mild — but what makes a "probable case" different from the run-of-the-mill flu virus?

Though the virus is spreading and has the potential to become a more serious international crisis, now is not the time to panic. U.S. and Mexican officials both acknowledged this week the virus is not as dangerous as once thought, and Mexico intends to allow most of its businesses to re-open this week. The World Health Organization says healthy individuals do not need to restrict travel plans.

Of course, it's important to take precau-

tions by washing hands regularly, covering coughs and sneezes and staying home when feeling ill, but that's common-sense advice everyone should heed all the time anyway.

The media have a tendency to desperately grab hold of any story that can potentially affect large numbers of people. If we are all at risk of being infected, then we all need to watch the latest news reports, right? May sweeps are coming, and TV news stations are clamoring for ratings domination. It's in their financial interest to keep Americans obsessed with swine flu. And with government officials on standby to provide up-to-date information, swine flu makes an easy story for reporters to cover.

If people worry enough, they'll become sick for real. After all, prolonged levels of extreme stress can suppress the immune system.

So — unless you are already ill — put away the mask, turn off the TV and stress out about what really matters, whether it's finishing school, finding a new job or planning that well deserved summer vacation.

— HB

## Service would instill nationalism

Former President John F. Kennedy famously said in his inaugural address, "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." This came from a man who was turned away from the Army because of a back problem and promptly volunteered for the Navy. Kennedy personifies an American who truly wanted to serve his country.

Now, America is slipping into an identity crisis. We bicker among ourselves when someone has a different opinion than our own. It almost seems we are more loyal to political parties than to the nation. We forgive one politician and crucify another for the same action. Many of those who are chastising President Barack Obama for his aggressive spending looked the other way when former President George W. Bush did. Many who fiercely opposed Bush's war policies now ignore the fact little has changed with the new administration.

This needs to stop. We need to put our nation above this

bickering. We need to instill Kennedy's desire to serve his country into all of us.

Although it has only been mentioned by politicians who are looking for a few quick points, we should seriously consider establishing a national service. Like similar programs in Germany and Israel, a national service would require all Americans to contribute to the improvement of the nation with two years in the service of the United States around the time they come of age. Of course, the primary service would be in the Departments of Defense. With a pool of soldiers flowing in at all times, the Armed Forces would be able to do away with their costly recruiting budgets, and those serving in the military would have the option to remain enlisted after their required service is completed. With military service, Americans would appreciate their nation as a whole and move closer to Kennedy's dream.

However, military would not be the only option. Conscientious objectors and those unfit for service would be free to enlist in

other government agencies. Even inspecting shipping crates at the customs office or typing memos at the Department of Education can instill that same sense of nationalism. Those serving could even choose a private organization, like the Red Cross, as long as it also serves the nation.

Enlistees in the service would be given fair pay and reasonable leave time. Instead of the college exemption in the draft, those attending college would simply be able to delay their service until they have a degree. The experience earned would add great value to the American workforce and help instill a sense of nationalism in all Americans.

Although it may be little more than an inconvenience to many at the beginning, within a generation, children raised with the notion of service will accept it as a natural part of life, just like paying taxes and working for a living.

A nation cannot survive on tax dollars alone. The people must feel connected to the country and have the desire to serve of which JFK spoke. Even after he lost reelection, former President John Adams wrote, "Our obligations to our country never cease but with our lives."



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## Off theCUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

### Goodbye news

President Barack Obama's top aides have all but confirmed newspapers will receive no bailout from the government. They say it would be a conflict of interest, which is ridiculous. Will newspapers be extinct before the ignorant U.S. public realizes their importance in society?

— Sydney

### Calm down

This being the second-to-last Off the Cuff I will ever write, I've decided I'm going to use the next inch wisely. Thus, I have this bit of advice: this may come as a shock, but everyone in the world is most likely not going to die a horrifying death because of (dun dun dun) swine flu.

— Alexiss

### No rest for the weary

It's not a good sign when you are already stumbling around campus like a half-asleep zombie when it's only the Monday of Dead Week. One newspaper, three final papers, about half a dozen graduation photo shoots and countless job applications to go before I can get a good night's sleep.

— Jake

### Like "Newsies"

They're making a musical about the Octomom, a recent accidental celebrity the show's creator likened to "the ShamWow guy." Personally, I'd rather see a musical about the ShamWow guy. They could call it "SlapChop Fever," with classic numbers like "The Germans Always Make Good Stuff," "You'll Love My Nuts" and of course, "If This Hooker Bites Me One More Time, I'm Going to Punch Her Right in the Face."

— Kevin

## Worst kind of giving

I recently earned a parking ticket and have come to the conclusion that getting fined is basically like giving to an incredibly crappy charity.

— Levi

## Make it after all

I tried on my graduation cap for the first time today. I've decided I will make it in life after May 16, and I'm taking baby steps toward acceptance. The gown, however, remains folded and bagged, still untouched on my desk. A woman can only overcome a certain amount of fear at a time.

— Christina

## Good times

One of the best things about not having to go to school anymore after next week will be the time (I hope) I will have to finally read all the books I accumulated over the last four years but never had time to open. "Best Science Writing of 2006," here I come. Hmm.

— Holly

## 'Natural' cigarettes

In passing Monday, I heard a guy say he only smokes natural cigarettes. This statement boggled my mind. It is not the pesticides in the tobacco that is bad for you — it is the tobacco.

— Jens

## Originality

I met a few guys in the apartment building next to mine early Sunday morning. They have 118 copies of "Speed" on VHS, and they're planning on applying for a grant to open a museum that would house all of the videos as well as a few LCD televisions that would play a two-minute montage of the film on repeat. I hope they get their grant.

— Greg

## MailBOX

### More than two genders

In response to the column "Movements destroy gender identity" in Friday's Argonaut, I would like to ask a few questions.

Did you know in India there is a gender called Hijra that is thought of as a "third gender" and is not out of the ordinary? Did you know Hijra is not the only instance of this "third gender" in the world? Did you also know in the Nandi tribe in East Africa and in other tribes, women often take on female husbands? So, the claim that erasing the notion of gender would be like denying cultural practices is accurate. However, the claim that being feminine is innately female and that being masculine is innately male and "is dependent on physical reality" is not accurate.

Anyone who has taken any basic psychology, sociology or even anthropology classes knows and can

tell you, the idea of gender is "defined mentally."

Identifying with any gender doesn't "blur the distinction between sexes" because the distinction between the sexes exists despite any gender identity. The terms "sex" and "gender" may not be used interchangeably as they were in this article. "Sex" has to do specifically with human anatomy, and "gender" is a term for the words we use to describe a sex, i.e., "he" and "she." The connotation of the word "gender" has adapted to include many other meanings, and they are different in every part of the world.

Benjamin Leford would do well to take all information into account when forming an opinion. I would also like to remind him of a basic writing lesson commonly referred to as "citing one's sources." Statistics are more effective and more difficult to dispute when they are presented with a citation.

Emma Clements  
sophomore, sociology

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# Liberal media is just a myth

There is no such thing as the liberal media.

I have to bring this up because I was just reminded of how much there isn't a liberal media. Former Vice President Al Gore just testified before the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on the pending American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009. When Gore was asked if he had read the entirety of the bill, AP reporter Laurie Kellman wrote of his response:

"I have read all 648 pages of this bill," Gore bragged, a boast that would surprise no one who caught his teacher's-pet performance in the 2000 presidential race. "It took me two transcontinental flights on United Airlines to finish it."

How much longer can the media mock Gore for bothering to care about the details of the policy he's engaged in? That is, when they're not simply making things up about him. Case in point: Gore never said he invented the Internet. He said, and I quote, "During my service in the United States Congress, I took the initiative in creating the Internet." That was during an interview with Wolf Blitzer in 1999. And it's true: Gore probably had a significant impact in help-

ing the Internet evolve into what it was through his initiatives and support when he said that. But the media decided it would be more fun to call him a liar for a year, so they made up the "invented" part.

One of the most popular myths floating around about the liberal media (which doesn't exist) is that at the 1992 Democratic National Convention, Pennsylvania Gov. George Casey was denied the right to speak because he was against abortion. This example gets thrown out relatively frequently when discussing how more open to differences of opinion the Republican Party is. Problem is, it is completely false. For one thing, there were at least eight speakers at that convention who were also against abortion rights, so that can't be it. Also, everyone just assumes Casey would have gotten to speak if it weren't for this, as if anyone in the party can speak at the convention if he or she wants. Also wrong. Best proof of all: he was planning on using his entire speech to attack his party for its stance on abortion. His speech did not include the words "Clinton" or "Gore" anywhere in it. For all those reasons, that's why he didn't speak. And

yet as recently as January of this year, the D.C. paper The Hill was repeating the lie.

Look at the media treatment of the front-runners over the last few elections. Gore was painted as a serial liar and exaggerator, two things he most certainly was not. Meanwhile, Connecticut-born, Harvard-and-Yale-educated failed businessman George W. Bush was painted as a straight-talking guy from Texas you'd like to have a beer with. John Kerry — three-time Purple Heart winner — was painted as an elitist East-Coaster who was soft on terror. Kerry, who went to Vietnam and was decorated for service in wartime, was painted as soft on terror by a man who'd gotten out of Vietnam by joining the Air National Guard and then not even bothering to show up most of the time. And I don't know if you heard, but President Barack Obama is a secret Muslim-Social-Fascist-Marxist who doesn't love our country as much as War Hero Sen. John McCain.

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin was allowed to continue campaigning for national elected office after being unable to name a single magazine or newspaper she reads. QED: there is no liberal media.



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# Oh, the places you may go

It is the time of year to expand your horizons and explore not only new but also familiar activities. Since the weather is getting better, it is the time to enjoy sex outside of the house. Celebration of National Outdoor Intercourse Day shall occur across the country Friday. This is fantastic and available to everyone.

However, there are some guidelines to observe while engaging in this activity.

The most important thing to remember is discretion. If you are going to have sex outside, it is not only tacky but also potentially embarrassing for random individuals to stumble upon you. Therefore, I do not suggest having sex in a public park, carnivals, golf courses or bathrooms. I say this to help minimize any possible discovery while also eliminating bad ideas for locations.

First of all, a public park often has minimal covering to hide you. Carnivals are just a sketchy place to have sex due to the number of people and the lack of hiding places. Golf courses tend to have automatic sprinkler systems, and being covered with water in this situation will be a mood-killer.

Bathrooms are just not acceptable — this location is no longer a "hot" place to have sex. Glory holes lead to numerous dangers, and getting covered by the bacteria on the floor is just gross. The location should be a quiet, hidden area that does not receive a lot of foot traffic by people. Always take a blanket. There are few things more uncomfortable than being scratched by the floor cover of the forest. Using a blanket will make you feel better, be more comfortable and will put you in

a much better frame of mind to continue the activity.

Be careful if attempting restraints while in nature. While it may sound quite appealing to tie someone up to a tree, you must always consider the potential outcomes. This is especially true when attempting any type of suspension activity in the

woods. The tree being used may not actually be strong enough to hold the weight of a person. Also, it is more difficult to quickly cover and hide in the event other people discover you.

Carry out what you carry in. Do not leave behind condoms (especially if used), condom wrappers, pillow packets of lube or any other instrument used. Condoms are not biodegradable and will most likely be ingested by an animal. It is the same principle as camping, just with condoms.

Sex can occur in a lake. Be mindful of the water temperature as well as possible recreational activities going on. I also suggest being mindful of water movement: does the lake stand still, or is there a constant flow of new water? The longer water stands, the more bacteria will grow. If you cannot stand, you have gone out too far. Do not rock the boat too much (especially if it is small) because you really do not want it to tip over — the mood would be gone.

If you are going to have sex in your yard, you absolutely need to have a fence. None of your neighbors really want to watch. If they see what is happening, it can be quite uncomfortable for you.

Have fun, be safe and happy outdoor sex.

Have a question for Chris? Send it to [arg-opinion@uidaho.edu](mailto:arg-opinion@uidaho.edu).



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# Wheelchair ride changes view

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In my Journalism 102 class, I wrote a 150-page research paper. Once the paper was finished, we were given a final assignment: the wheelchair effect paper, a project in which I was supposed to be in a wheelchair while in a public place and write about my experience.

I walk into Walgreens and head toward the shopping carts, where a single wheelchair is parked, innocently and unnoticed by everyone. I pull back the cart, sit down and begin to wheel myself around. At first, no one appears to act any differently toward me. People glance at me briefly then go back to the item they're observing. I wheel around for 10 minutes, and still no reaction. I'm starting to feel defeated. I go to the magazine section and begin to copy down exercises from Shape into my tiny book. I lean back over to attempt to put it back but drop it. Repeatedly, I try to pick it up, but the cart has me stuck in one place, and the sides of the wheelchair prevent me from bending over far.

A woman from behind me approaches me. "Are you doing OK? Do you need help?" she asks. I decide to act the role of a helpless, timid girl. I ask her if she can help me, in which she bends over, picks it up and puts it in my hand gently.

I continue forward for my next suspect. I decide to put myself in

the center of the aisle so the other customer is forced to interact with me. A young student looks at me, smiles widely, says hello and asks me how I am doing. She then apologizes profusely for being in my way.

I wheel forward and challenge myself into going through small spaces, between people and the food. A man in a business suit, who's clean-shaven and buying pictures, looks at me, forces a smile and murmurs hello. Why is everyone suddenly being nice to me? Why does everyone feel the need to say something to me? Do they feel bad for me, or is it just a good day where everyone wants to say hello to everyone?

A woman with frizzy hair that is going in every direction looks directly into my eyes. "Hello! How are you doing?" And then, she waits and listens for my response. What is going on? Since when do strangers want to hear about my life?

Customers continue to smile at me. But it's a forced smile. It's as if they have to smile and acknowledge my presence, or they would be doing something wrong.

It seems every employee is curiously watching me. I am a regular customer, and they are baffled to see me in a wheelchair. I overhear one boy telling another employee I must be doing this for journalism, in which I turn bright red from someone figuring out my real mission. However, the manager continuously asks me if

I am finding everything OK and if he can assist me.

My grand moment of my experiment comes when I reach the cash register. I position myself behind a woman and stare at her somberly. She avoids looking at me. However, once she has paid for all her items, she looks at me eagerly and asks me if I need help putting my things up on the tabletop. I reply meekly that I would appreciate her assistance, in which she kindly takes my items tabletop. I keep on thanking her, and she blushes and says it's no problem.

The conclusion? People will go out of their way to be nice to someone based on sheer pity. On one hand, I was touched that it appeared strangers really cared about me. But on the other hand, it was only because I appeared to be handicapped. I'm not sure if it says society as a whole is overall good. It really had me questioning if people will only take the time to notice people if they are different. And just because they are different, does that give people the right to treat them with a new code of ethics? It really had me thinking how rough it is to be viewed as "different."

It's unfair people feel the need to check in on people who are handicapped. It's as if society doesn't think they are capable of doing the things that "normal" people can.

I say, stop staring. Everyone is human.

## MAIL

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### Auction a success

Every so often, I am reminded why I love this area. I used to think it was because of the vast amenities (compared to where I grew up), such as movie theaters, multiple choices for dining and a variety of shops. However, I have since learned it is not because of these things I love the area, but rather, the people.

It was incredibly exciting to see the outcome from the area when presented with the idea of a martini tasting and arts auction. There was some hesitation when the event was planned, but when nearly 40 pieces of various art were donated and more than 100 people attended, the hesitation evaporated. Any remaining doubts were completely negated when more than \$1,300 was raised through the auction. It was delightful to see this community come

together so adamantly to continue providing free HIV tests on a regular basis.

I want to extend my extreme gratitude to all the individuals who attended, participated in the auction and especially those who donated their art: Katherine Clancy, Healing Point, Meggan Baumgartner, Emma Grindley, Debi Robinson-Smith, Janna Jones, Judy LaLonde, Lori Hay, Haug Chiropractic, Moscow Yoga Center, Mikey's Gyros, Rebecca Rod, The Shirt Shack, Rebekah King, Jacob Barber, Cyndi Lewis Faircloth, Josh Britton, Mickey Chamberlain, Keli Kepler, Safari Pearl, Tabikat Productions, Eastside Marketplace, Mix, The Rude Awakening.

With continued support from the community, I have no doubt we will be able to provide services for many years to come. I am already looking forward to even bigger and more exciting events in the future.

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## Finals Fest: the lineup

Gus Simpson  
Argonaut

It's that time of the year again: Dead Week.

In the midst of those last-minute study sessions and 2 a.m. essay revisions, ASUI Vandal Entertainment sponsors a variety of events to provide a welcome diversion from the pressures of school's close.

All events begin at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Building Ballroom, and Tuesday and Wednesday night's events are free of charge.

Following is a rundown of each day's events:

### Tuesday

Tuesday night brings the Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company to the University of Idaho.

The UCB TourCo is a long-form improvisational comedy show featuring performers from the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatres in New York and Los Angeles.

The show features a series of sketches tailored to the venue at hand — in this case, UI. It is split into two halves. During each half, the performers interview an audience member about classes, roommates and other aspects of campus culture, then build a routine using anecdotes from the interview.

"We take ideas from the interview and blow them up into a comedy routine," said Eli Newell, director of the UCB TourCo.

"It's 30 minutes of chaos," Newell said. "It's usually different from what people have seen or think of improv."

### Wednesday

The laughs continue Wednesday night with a standup comedy performance by Carlos Alazraqui.

Alazraqui is perhaps best known for his role as Officer James Garcia on Comedy Central's "Reno 911!" He is also an established voiceover artist, lending his vocal talents to shows such as "The Fairly OddParents," "Rocko's Modern Life" and "CatDog." Additionally, Alazraqui is the voice of the Taco Bell Chihuahua in the "Yo Quiero Taco Bell" ad campaign.

Cedric Yarbrough, also of "Reno 911!" fame, will join Alazraqui as a special guest. Yarbrough plays Deputy Jones on the show and has acted in films including "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Get Smart" and "Meet the Fockers."

### Thursday

Vandal Entertainment had yet to confirm Thursday night's act at the time this article went to print. Keep an eye out for posters announcing Thursday's performer.



Courtesy Photo  
Carlos Alazraqui, who plays Officer James Garcia on the television show "Reno 911!", will perform a stand-up comedy act Wednesday as part of Finals Fest with fellow "Reno 911!" actor Cedric Yarbrough appearing as a special guest.

## LIVING IN DA VINCI'S TIME



Jake Barber/Argonaut  
Seattle musician Jason Webley plays the accordion at the Moscow Renaissance Fair Saturday. Webley, who describes his music as folk, punk and experimental, began as a street musician and has now performed across the country as well as overseas.

## Desert island five: a list



Print media loves a list, and music nerds love making lists. Presented chronologically, here are the five albums I would take with me to a desert island, if I could only have those albums for the rest of my days:

### 1. The Velvet Underground, "The Velvet Underground & Nico"

This 1967 album can rightly be called shocking, even today. Not in the GG Allin sense, but sonically and thematically, Lou Reed and co. Did they mean to write for the ages, or did it just happen?

"Heroin" is every bit as exhilarating as the film "Requiem for a Dream" and "Sunday Morning" as pretty as anything the Beatles ever wrote. Nico, a blonde model pushed into the band by producer Andy Warhol, is tolerable, most especially on "Femme Fatale" and "I'll Be Your Mirror," but my favorite thing about this record is how Reed later introduced "I'm Waiting for the Man" — "this is a song about copping drugs in New York."

### 2. Bob Dylan, "Blood On the Tracks"

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Back in '73, when Dylan was a spry 34 years old,

shortly after releasing "Greatest Hits Vol. II," and preceding a conversion to Christianity, he recorded this staggering, emotional work. "You're a Big Girl Now" is my sick-in-the-heart song. There have been breakups when I've listened to it for hours, but it's hardly any happier than "Idiot Wind," "Shelter from the Storm" or "If You See Her, Say Hello."

People sometimes bitch about his voice, while complementing his craft — listen to "You're a Big Girl Now" and tell me they aren't inextricably linked.

### 3. Beastie Boys, "Paul's Boutique"

The group's second released album, drenched in samples before that was even a thing — before DJ Shadow, Girl Talk or the Avalanches — "Paul's Boutique" is older than most of this year's freshmen. I'll put Mike D, MCA and Ad-Rock up against any other rapper. The best line makes a double entendre about the Brady Bunch: "Like Sam the butcher bringing Alice the meat, like Fred Flintstone driving around on bald feet." Yes.

### 4. The Flaming

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## The Michaels have issues

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Comedian duo Michael Ian Black and Michael Showalter have been bouncing around the world of comedy for years. Now, they have another project to unleash on the airwaves.

"Michael & Michael Have Issues," premiering on Comedy Central, follows other shows the Michaels put together in the past. "The State" ran from 1993-95 and "Stella" ran for only a few episodes in 2005. Black is easily recognizable from assorted commercials and the VH1 "I Love the ..." series. Both Michaels took part in 2007's "Wet Hot American Summer" alongside Paul Rudd and Janeane Garafalo.

In an effort to create buzz for their newest creation, the Michaels talked to college newspapers from across the country while keeping their Twitter feed active concurrently.

**Q: FSUNews (Florida State U.):** How will "The Michaels Have Issues" be different than "Stella" and "The State"?

**A: Michael Ian Black:** Those two shows are both different from each other, so ("The Michaels") will be as different as those shows are from each other.

**Q: The Daily O'Collegian (Oklahoma State U.):** What do you find funny?

**A: MIB:** Farts.

**Q: The Argonaut:** If you were to give a State of the Union address for the state of comedy, what would you say?

**A: MIB:** You know, when people give real addresses, they get to think about it first. I'd say comedy is strong. There are lots of funny people doing

very funny things, and that's cool.

**Q: The Dartmouth (Dartmouth College):** What's the deal with your cats? Why should we care about your cats?

**A: MIB:** My cats care about you.

**Q: The Daily Athenaeum (West Virginia U.):** Pick two adjectives for each other.

**A: MIB:** Shiny and snaggle-toothed.

**A: Michael Showalter:** Strong and persnickety. I take that back. Not strong. Is 'not strong' an adjective?

**Q: The Lantern (Ohio State U.):** Are you going to keep up your blog and integrate it into the show?

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# Biking: a culture of its own

Pavement or dirt paths, Moscow offers bikers both

Anne-Marije Rook  
Argonaut

Zippering along the Chipman Trail, road bikers nod or signal with their left hand as they pass each other. On campus, guys are showing off little stunts on BMX bikes. On Moscow Mountain, bikers in full face masks, shin guards and body armor are putting their bikes' suspension and brakes to the test as they whiz down dirt paths and catch jumps along the way.

"Moscow is kind of a biking oasis," said Joe Winston of Follett's Mountain Sports. "It's really biker-friendly."

Winston said he rides all types, but mostly mountain bikes and his BMX.

"I ride what I've got until it breaks," said Winston, who said he was inspired to start by his father's serious road biking.

From his hobby to his job, Winston has surrounded himself with bikes. He said he even lives with his roommates mainly because they're also riders.

He said he learned how to fix bikes from breaking them.

"If you break it, you gotta fix it," he said.

And with the each type of bike comes its very own culture.

Jet Sedlacek, a mountain biker and Follett's Mountain Sports employee, said while mountain bikers won't wave like road bikers do, they will help with a flat or lend a cell phone.

"You can tell them apart from the spandex road bikers wear instead of the looser-fitted clothing for mountain bikers," said Sean Ellis, a road biker and owner of B and L Bikes in Pullman.

Ellis said people who buy road bikes tend to be more affluent due to the higher cost of bikes.

"We sell a lot of \$3,000 road bikes and not a lot of \$3,000 mountain bikes," he said.

Ellis said while most road biker versus mountain biker stereotypes are not true, he did observe that a person who rides a nice road bike tends to drive a nice car.

"A person who has a nice mountain bike probably spends more on the mountain bike than the car," he said.

Even within the mountain bike culture there is talk of two subcultures — the downhillers and the cross-country riders.

"Downhillers have their own image," Sedlacek said. "They tend to be the younger, rougher, tattooed, loose clothing and beer crowd. Cross-country riders are more the granola crowd."

As far as mountain bikers go, Kyle Bickford of Paradise Creek Bicycles said the male-to-female ratio is around 80 to 20, versus 60 to 40 in road bikes.

Sedlacek also said he has seen few women on the mountain.

Sedlacek started biking in the mid '90s when he bought his first full suspension bike in high school.

"Each bike got bigger and bigger," he said. "It was too much fun to fly off stuff."

And when flying off things, sometimes the landing isn't always smooth.

Sedlacek said he has broken his collarbones multiple times, hurt his shoulder, ribs and ankles and had a few concussions.

Bickford is no stranger to mountain bike injuries, either.

"I tore my shoulder, got concussions, cracked my sternum and sprained my ankle," he said. "It drives me to do it again and keep trying."

When Bickford goes for a downhill ride, he wears a full face helmet, heavy duty clothing to prevent tearing, goggles, shin guards and body armor.

So, what does all that gear cost?

Sedlacek and Winston said they'd rather not think about how much they spend on bikes.

"Well, each year there's the new helmet and the hospital bill that goes with it," Winston said. "But I don't want to know how much I spent."

Bickford said he has spent almost \$2,000 this year. Bickford owns several bikes — a downhill racing bike, a single-speed road bike and an urban bike.

Scott Trost of B and L Bikes said he has spent somewhere between \$4,000 and \$5,000 on bikes and equipment in the last five years.

But they all said it's worth it because it brings people out in nature and closer to one another.

"There are great mountains around to play on, why not take advantage of that?" he asked.

Trost said he even met his wife on a bike tour in Colorado and takes his wife and son for bike rides.

Trost said he rides about four times per week for two hours at a time and uses the bike that fits with his mood that day — road bike for a fast ride on pavement, mountain bike when he goes exploring.

"Sometimes the road less traveled is gravel, so I take my mountain bike," he said.



Steven Devine/Argonaut

Robert Redich, right, rides a road bike through campus as Jeremy Bennett rides a mountain bike. Both forms of biking can be found in Moscow, along with their respective cultures.

## Court to review Janet Jackson case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday ordered a federal appeals court to re-examine its ruling in favor of CBS Corp. in a legal fight over entertainer Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction.

The high court on Monday directed the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia to consider reinstating the \$550,000 fine that the Federal Communications Commission imposed on CBS over Jackson's breast-baring performance at the 2004 Super Bowl.

The order follows the high court ruling last week that narrowly upheld the FCC's policy threatening fines against even one-time uses of curse words on live television.

In a statement, CBS said

the Supreme Court's decision was not a surprise given last week's ruling and expressed confidence the court will again find the incident was not and could not have been anticipated by the network.

Last year, the appeals court threw out the fine against CBS, saying the FCC strayed from its long-held approach of applying identical standards to words and images when reviewing complaints of indecency.

The appellate court said the incident lasted nine-sixteenths of one second and should have been regarded as "fleeting." The FCC previously deviated from its nearly 30-year practice of fining indecent broadcast programming only when it was so "pervasive as to amount to 'shock treatment' for the audience," the court said.

### FrontRowBRIEFS

#### Theater season concludes

For the final play of the 2008-09 season, the University of Idaho theater department will present "Collected Stories" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday in the Kiva Theatre.

The award-winning play, written by Donald Margulies, follows the conflicted relationship between a writing instructor and her gifted student.

"Collected Stories" will feature student actors Sally Eames-Harlan and Kate Belden and is directed by graduate student David Eames-Harlan. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

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"Torture for Dummies," a short film directed by Jeremy Belt, will be one of the films produced by the Digital Media Thesis Production class featured at the Moscow Kino Digital Media Festival May 5 and 6 in the Borah Theater.

# Student filmmakers showcase their work

**Amberly Beckman**  
Argonaut

Student filmmaker Robby Mueller hopes an upcoming film festival can help the public understand what he does.

He said he would like people to take away an appreciation of filmmaking and creativity and understand how much thought and effort goes into making a piece of film.

"A lot of people think video production is a joke," Mueller said. "They see us having fun but can't see what goes wrong — the stress and struggles."

Tonight is the first of a two-night film event — the Moscow Kino Digital Media Festival.

Seniors in the Digital Media Thesis Production class will show the projects they have worked on all semester. The 11 films range from horror to comedy, drama to documentaries.

Mueller said he spent roughly 125 hours in planning and editing alone. He said some people work even longer, spending long nights in the editing room to complete their projects.

"For every minute of video, there is about 10-20 hours that goes into it," Mueller said. "It's a lot more than you'd think."

He went on to explain the project is the first experience the students in the class have had in making something longer than three minutes. Students were responsible for writing scripts, finding

cast and crew, obtaining musical scores, producing and directing.

"We ran the whole show," Mueller said.

Mueller's piece, "Amos" depicts the choice a man must make to either take a job promotion or comfort his father at the end of his life. Mueller said he got the inspiration from changes he was experiencing in his own life with his graduation.

"It's the first time I've not had a plan," Mueller said. "I wanted to illustrate that's OK. You get so busy planning life, you miss out on it."

Another senior radio/

TV/digital media production major, Heather Willey, said Kino offers students a unique chance to express themselves.

"I hope it gives people the enthusiasm to tell their own story and to make their own film," she said.

Showing tonight is "Talk Back to Me," by Jake Sellen, "The Prize in the Cereal Box," by Heather Willey, "Feminist at Heart," by Kerstin Lewis, "Danni," by Tyler Shaw, "Amos," by Robby Mueller and "Tuesdays," which is also a production for the class.

Showing Wednesday night is "Torture for Dummies" by Jeremy Belt, "Still Life" by Jenny Mano, "Return to Sender" by Maria Cloos, "Infestation" by Conrad Piper-Ruth, "Projekt 90" by Jim Crawford and "The Exterminator" by Tyler Colosimo.

Shows start at 7 p.m. in the Borah Theater in the Student Union Building and are free of charge.

**"For every minute of video, there is about 10-20 hours that goes into it."**

**Robby MUELLER**  
Student Filmmaker

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### Lips, "The Soft Bulletin"

The Lips have an expansive résumé, currently at 10 albums, eight EPs, numerous non-album tracks and concert, documentary, music video and narrative film entries, but never before or since has the group succeeded as they did on this 1998 Warner Bros. album. The trials surrounding its recording are well-documented — the guitarist had a spider bite that nearly required the amputation of his hand, the bassist was in a serious car accident — and it's hardly an undiscovered gem (4.5 stars from All Music Guide, Pitchfork Media's #3 album of the decade, a Postal Service cover of "Suddenly Everything Has Changed"), but my goodness: the album is transcendent. This is the album I point to when I have to prove that even strange bands from strange places with strange names can make masterpieces.

### 5. Rilo Kiley, "More Adventurous"

When I first saw Rilo Kiley, this album had been out for about 10 months. I've written before about the bill — New Zealand's amazing and adorable Brunettes opened, and now-headlining Feist after them — but the show was great and the album unassailable. Lots of folks know "Portions for Foxes," but just as good are "A Man/Me/Then Jim" and the lead guitarist's solo number "Rip-chord" (about Elliott Smith). We're coming up on the five-year birthday of this one, and I can still listen to it again and again.

To hear selections from these albums, please tune in to my show, the Man Date, at 6:30 p.m. Friday on KUOI, at 89.3 FM or www.kuoi.org.

## ISSUES

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**A: MIB:** Yes and no. Sure, why not. Absolutely. We will make pains to keep up the blog.

**Q: The Northern Star (Northern Illinois U):** Do you have the same fears about this new show (that it will have the same fate as "The State" and "Stella")?

**A: MIB:** It's likely. No question. I have the lifespan of a fruit fly. Like Jeff Goldblum.

**Q: FSUNews:** Will you feature the same actors you have in "The State" and "Stella"?

**A: MIB:** No, those people are too busy. But I'd love them to be involved.

**Q: The Lantern:** What will make this show better than others right now?

**A: MIB:** I don't know that it will be.

**Q: The Argonaut:** What are your goals? What would you like to say that you've accomplished at the end of your career?

**A: MIB:** Father. And I mean that in the Catholic priest way.

**A: MS:** If one person laughs and their day is made a little bit brighter, then I've accomplished my goal.

**A: MIB:** You've been in comedy for 20 years, haven't you already accomplished that goal?

**A: MS:** Every day.

**Q: The Northern Star:** In your blog, you talk a lot about hating your family. Do you hate your family?

**A: MIB:** No, but you have to understand I'm a comedian. In the same vein as Mark Twain.

# NBC takes its medicine: New nurse, paramedic shows

**David Bauder**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBC is searching for a way out of its prime-time wilderness by banking heavily on veterans of the "Saturday Night Live" comedy troupe once known as the not-ready-for-prime-time players.

The network will try a live version this fall of the SNL "Weekend Update" skit on Thursdays, a night already prominently featuring two former "anchors" Tina Fey and Amy Poehler in their own comedies. A handful of prime-time "Weekend Update" episodes did well last fall during the election.

Chevy Chase will also return to TV as part of an ensemble crew in a comedy about community college students.

NBC is adding four new dramas to its 2009-10 schedule, including a pair of medical shows and the Ron Howard-produced "Parenthood," based on the

1989 movie he directed. The network let out partial details of its schedule two weeks before all other

broadcasters do.

The, once-proud peacock network is suffering through one of its worst

years, entrenched in fourth place among all viewers and the youthful demographic it seeks.

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## QuickHITS

### Vandals in action

**Thursday**  
**Women's golf** — The team will head in to play the NCAA West Regional Tournament. The event will run all day and is to be held at Arizona State University in Tempe.

**Friday**  
**Track and field** — The Vandals will host the Vandal Jamboree Friday through Sunday. Starting time is to be announced.

### Vandals to watch

**Maria Perevoshchikova**  
 Women's tennis



Perevoshchikova was named to the All-Western Athletic Conference second team. Perevoshchikova finished the season with a 19-5 record on the year. It was the first time since 2006-07 a women's player was named to the All-WAC team.

**Eugenio Mannucci**  
 Track and field

Mannucci won the shot put at the Pelluer Invitational last weekend after a heave of 56 feet, 11.5 inches. As the Vandals near the end of Western Athletic Conference Championships, the team will look to Mannucci to help soften the blow of losing all-American shot putter Russ Winger to graduation last season.

**Beau Whitney**  
 Track and field



At last week's Pelluer Invitational meet, Whitney dominated the discus competition with a throw of 161-8. His effort won the event, and the Vandals will look to Whitney to remain consistent with his throws at Friday's Vandal Jamboree held in Moscow at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex.

### Did you know ...

The WAC Track and Field Championships will be held in Logan, Utah, this season.

### Vandals by the numbers

**137** Women's track and field athlete Anne Barnett threw a season best 137 feet in the javelin at the Pelluer Invitational.

**2** The track and field team locked down two additional regional qualifying marks at last weekend's meet.

**1** The men's basketball team signed one player last week. Landon Tatum is a guard who was the only player to start all 31 games last season for a South Plains College team that finished with a 27-4 overall record.

# Two more athletes qualify for regionals

**Kayla Desjarlais**  
 Argonaut

One nice day is all the University of Idaho track and field team needed to have two athletes hit NCAA Regional qualification standards and have several others deliver career-best performances at the Pelluer Invitational in Cheney, Wash., Saturday.

"I thought it was a pretty good day," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "The weather held up well, and we got a few really good marks out of the meet."

Senior Jake Boling and freshman Jeremy Klas took advantage of the conditions and became the ninth and 10th Idaho athletes to qualify regionally this season.

Boling, who is a University of Idaho Student Media employee, qualified in the men's hammer throw for the fourth consecutive year with a toss of 187 feet, 8 inches to place fourth in the event.

"I'm sure it's a big relief for Jake," Phipps said. "But I know he's got a lot more in him as well. It's always a big relief when you get the regional throw out of the way, and I think it's going to help him improve over the next couple weeks."

While Boling is a regionals veteran, Klas will make his first career trip after qualifying in the pole vault by clearing 16-6.75 to win the event.

"He's just having a phenomenal freshman season," Phipps said. "A freshman hitting a regional mark is really awesome. He's competing well, he's practicing well, and he's just continuing to get better week after week."

Klas had expected to qualify regionally the weekend before at the Oregon Relays in Eugene, Ore., April 25, but the conditions stifled his performance. Klas knew Pelluer was where it was going to happen.

"I was hitting it in practice," Klas said. "So going into the meet, it was about having good weather pretty much."

The men's team dominated the field, taking titles in six events. Re-

turning champions led the team as sophomore Paul Dittmer (110-meter hurdles) and senior Elvie Williams (long jump) secured wins in their events for the second consecutive year.

With two life-time best performances, senior Sam Michener took first-place in the 200-meter event (21.79 seconds) and second in the 100-meter (10.76). Junior Beau Whitney (discus) and sophomore Eugenio Mannucci (shot put) show cased the team's throwing talent and swept their events their

**"A freshman hitting a regional mark is really awesome."**

**Wayne PHIPPS**  
 Idaho coach

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Vandal thrower Kyle Hook, who was a 2008 NCAA Regional Qualifier, throws the javelin Monday afternoon at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex. Hook threw the javelin more than 202 feet at the Pelluer Invitation in Cheney, Wash., this past weekend.

## Dysfunctional Nationals have chance to improve

Sometimes it's hard to believe just how bad the Washington Nationals have been since their 81-81 finish in 2005. I had a better time watching a Triple A Richmond Braves game than I did when I watched the Nationals last season. But there may still be hope in the years to come.

The Nats are 6-17 heading into Monday, and with a quick look at their stats, it's easy to see why — a team 5.19 earned run average has ruined the decent work their offense has done thus far: a .265 team batting average and 24 home runs, good for 13th and 14th in baseball, respectively.

As thin as their pitching is, there have been a few bright spots — free agent Joe Beigel has posted a 1.23 ERA in eight appearances with only one walk. Michael Hinckley, a 2008 call up who didn't surrender an earned run in 13.2 innings of work last September, has also

been solid — a 2.79 ERA in 13 appearances.

The only other shining star in Washington's pitching staff has been 22-year-old Jordan Zimmermann. The Nats picked him up as a compensation pick after losing Alfonso Soriano to free agency 2006, so it's not as if he came out of nowhere. Zimmermann's been a highly touted prospect in a thin Washington

farm system since his signing, and his 2009 performance has made it easy to see why.

In the three big league starts, Zimmermann now has under his belt, he's displayed confidence and a willingness to pound the strike zone and go after hitters, no matter how good they may be, and it has paid off. In his second big league start, he struck out David Wright three times. In that game, he only surrendered one run on a Carlos Delgado triple in the first inning. After that, he was lights out and walked away with

his second win in as many starts.

Zimmermann's hitting the mid to high '90s with a good fastball that has late movement. He also has a brilliant changeup and a solid curveball, and he's willing to throw either of them at any moment — his first pitch against St. Louis on Friday was a well-placed changeup against Skip Schumaker.

The hype around young Zimmermann is legitimate and well placed. The second he put on the Nationals jersey, he became the best starter on the team, pushing John Lannan to the No. 2 spot.

Lannan has had some good outings, including a seven inning, five hit shutout against Atlanta. However, the rest of the starting rotation has looked sloppy.

Daniel Cabrera's been good for his usual mediocrity and Scott Olsen was carved up in his first few starts. They're ideal as innings eaters on mediocre teams, so it was a match made in heaven when the two of them ended up in Washington.

Still, Zimmermann is



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## Kentucky Derby senseless

The 135th Kentucky Derby was run last weekend, and quite frankly, it is the most ridiculous event in all of American sports. After watching the latest incarnation of the event on Saturday, it is time for the public to call time on the Derby.

The arguments for the Kentucky are simple and one-dimensional. The event makes a lot of money, and there is tradition involved. Aside from those two things, there are no redeeming qualities.

There have been plenty of items in history that made money and had a rich tradition but lost usefulness over time. One will struggle to find rotary phones or medical products ending with the word elixir for this very reason.

When the Kentucky Derby started, horses were the fastest way to travel and played a major part in society. I highly doubt anyone in attendance at Churchill Downs traveled to the event by hopping in his or her buggy led by a reliable steed.

Horse racing is obsolete, just like leather helmets in football or baseball managers wearing suits in the dugout. However, I get the sneaking suspicion those in

attendance at the Derby would argue both sports would be better off going back to those traditions.

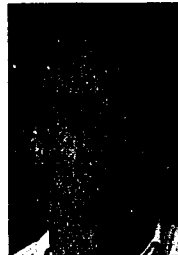
Speaking of uncomfortable traditions, the Kentucky Derby broadcast made the event seem like a giant social event for middle-aged white people. The commentators kept tossing out words like "pageantry" and "spectacle" to describe the Derby, but that hardly legitimizes the proceedings. Those Ben Hur Roman

chariot races were definitely a spectacle but no one in Italy is clamoring for those to return.

There is an incredibly sleazy element about the Derby that cannot be hidden by horses running around a track for two minutes. While defenders of the Kentucky Derby claim it is about horse racing, it is most certainly not about horse racing.

The only people who care about horse racing are those directly involved in the sport and those make their living placing wagers in off track betting parlors. I would hazard a guess and say all of the people at the event, and watching on television, probably did not fall in either category.

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first-place efforts, 161-8 and 56-1.5 respectively.

The women's 400-meter event featured a close battle between junior Ash-Lee Rey and freshman Keli Hall. Hall, No. 8 all-time at Idaho in the event, pushed past Rey to defeat her teammate by one hundredth of a second to win with a time of 57.21.

Another meet highlight was personal and season-best efforts of several athletes.

Representing the men in the running events, sophomores Dominic Schmidt and Adam LeSchber hit personal-best marks in the 100-meter (10.93) and 400-meter (56.40) respectively, while junior Kevin Merkling hit a personal-best 3:57.87 in the 1,500-meter. All three placed third in their events.

On the women's side, freshman Alyssa Covington persevered against a 3.1 meters-per-second headwind to hit a career-best 18-4.25 in the long jump. Freshman Allyssa Laritz ran a career-best 12.52 to place third in the 100-meter, Rey hit a personal-best 25.40 in the 200-meter to finish second and 2008 regional qualifier and sophomore Anne Barnett threw a season-best 137-0 in the javelin.

After a season of traveling, the team will return home for its final tune-up before the Western Athletic Conference Championships. Fans will be able to rally for the team as Idaho will host the Vandal Jamboree May 8-9 at the Dan O'Brien Track & Field Complex.

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I understand people love stories that involve animals, and there is something majestic about horses that captivate the public. Still, you get the feeling racing horses are the jerks of the horse community.

A lot of them are using steroids, they get preferential treatment and some of them look downright vicious. I know if for some reason I became a horse these would not be the horses I chose to eat my oats and hay with.

If it is the case of people wanting to see animals compete, then why not try to exploit the market by making cuter animals race?

You would think someone would start racing puppies, baby sheep or polar bears because the public would just eat that up. Cute animal racing is an idea with some potential.

That is, of course, if horse racing is about people being interested because animals are involved. While there may be a percentage who tune in for that reason but the real reason for the Kentucky Derby's population was unspoken and rather disturbing.

At the core, the Derby is an event where the Southern gentry get to dress funny, get hammered and have the public marvel at how lucky they are. It would seem the first Saturday in May is not a sporting event but a propaganda vehicle used to convince those who attend and watch that their way of life was not so bad.

I understand race is a sensitive subject in this country, especially places like Kentucky, but when a bunch of dudes are dressed up like Colonel Sanders and Colonel Reb, the comically inappropriate former mascot of Ole Miss, at a sporting event, there are some problems.

If those in charge of horse racing see their sport as necessary, then perhaps it is time the showcase event removes the alarming traditions in which it is currently steeped in. Watching the Kentucky Derby serves as a reminder of just how far sports in America have come since the draconian era of segregation and exclusivity.

# Men's golf finishes strong

Scott Stone  
Argonaut

It was an up and down season for the University of Idaho men's golf team, but in the end the Vandals finished near the top of the Western Athletic Conference.

The men spent last week in Henderson, Nev., where they finished in third place at the WAC championship at the Rio Secca Golf Club.

Heading into the final day of the tournament, the Vandals found themselves in third place and Idaho coach John Reehorn said, the team could have finished the day stronger.

"At the end of our rounds, we gave away a few shots," Reehorn said. "All the teams did."

The Vandals finished the

three-day tournament with an overall score of 12-over-876, just six strokes behind the leader.

New Mexico State took home this year's trophy with an overall score of 870, while Fresno State fell just shy of the leader losing by just one stroke with a score of 871.

"I'm very happy with how we played," Reehorn said. "We gave everything we had, but we came up a little short."

Leading the Vandals to their fourth-place finish, was true freshman Jarred Bossio who finished the tournament at even-par with scores of 71-73-71, putting him at a tie for fourth place, just seven strokes behind tournament leader Travis Reid of New Mexico State.

Bossio earned some attention

for his performance, and was honored as a second-team all-WAC choice, and given the WAC Freshman of the Year award.

Bossio's teammates weren't far behind on the leader board.

Junior Brad Tensen came in just one stroke under Bossio for a one-over 217, earning him a sixth place finish, while senior Russell Grove finished 12th, junior David Nuhn finished 16th, and freshman Chris Cho finished tied for 32nd.

"I'm really excited for Brad and Russell," Reehorn said. "And Jarred, I'm really excited for him. It's all very positive. As a team we made huge improvements this year and to finish third in conference, the best we have ever done, is a huge testament to how hard the team has worked."

## High school can't hold Jeremy Tyler

Bernie Wilson  
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO— At 17, Jeremy Tyler already leaves big footprints in his size-18 shoes. His ambitions are even bigger.

Playing basketball in Spain would be pretty cool, he thinks, or Italy or Greece. China? Imagine learning that language. These aren't daydreams, mind you. He's mulling over the next two years of his life, the beginning of his pro basketball career.

Tyler's decision to skip his senior season at San Diego High to play overseas has kicked up considerable reaction, both pro and con.

Pushing 7 feet tall and with his high school career having turned "boring," the 260-pound Tyler is convinced he's doing the right thing.

"There is no doubt in my mind," Tyler said as he, his father and his uncle sat for an interview in the restaurant the family will soon open. "Everything that's going through my head is like, 'this is where you need to be, this is where it's going to make you better, this is where you're going to be able to get to the next level after this.'"

Tyler would become the first American-born player to leave high school early to play professionally overseas. When he's eligible for the NBA draft in 2011, some see him as a potential No. 1 pick overall.

Players can no longer to go straight from high

school to the NBA, which was the route taken by Kobe Bryant, LeBron James and Kevin Garnett, among others.

Tyler disagrees with that rule. "If you have the talent and college won't do anything for your talent or your profession, there's no point to go," said Tyler, who averaged 28.7 points during his junior season, when his father said he was like a man among boys. "When there's an opportunity out of high school to go fulfill your dreams, then they shouldn't have taken away the option for you to go take it. That's why there's ways around it to still go pro, like I'm doing."

James Tyler is so convinced of his son's ability that he said he's taken out a \$5 million insurance policy against injury.

"This is a guy that's going to be your next Kobe Bryant or your LeBron, if he works. He's a guy that's in that mold," he said.

Jeremy Tyler said that's not what he's after. "I want to become the first me," he replied. "My thing is, whatever Kobe has that's so amazing, I want. Whatever LeBron has that's so amazing, I want. Whatever Amare (Stoudemire) has, I want. So you add all those talents together makes a person that's really unstoppable."

Former shoe company executive Sonny Vaccaro is advising the Tylers, and said he's had inquiries from eight teams from Europe, Israel and, yes, even China.

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the real deal, and Lannan is serviceable as a middle of the rotation guy, which leaves the Nats in an excellent spot if they can pick up San Diego State ace Stephen Strasburg in the draft this summer.

It's been said the Nationals are planning to use their first round pick to draft and sign Strasburg, but it won't be easy — Strasburg is represented by Scott Boras and he'll no doubt work the Nationals until they hand Strasburg the largest signing bonus in the history of the sport. But make no mistake: they must land Strasburg if they have any desire to contend in the next few years.

After all, he's posted a 1.38 ERA and struck out 147 batters in just 78.1 innings and has been said to have a 100 mph plus fastball with lots of movement, as well as a solid slider

and changeup. ESPN's Buster Olney wrote about a scout he talked to who said Strasburg is exceptionally better than Mark Prior, and they say he is ready to be plopped into a major league rotation right now, without spending time in the minor leagues.

The Nationals did ink Ryan Zimmerman on April 20, which is a good start. He debuted with the Nats in the first year of their existence and has since become the face of the franchise. He's no Evan Longoria or Alex Rodriguez, but does provide a bat with some pop in it — right now he's riding a 21-game hitting streak, a club record for the Nationals — and he also provides above average defense at his position.

Zimmerman is a great start for a patchwork team like the Nationals. He's locked up through 2013 and is just now entering the prime years of his career.

There may be free agent help on the way as well.

The Nationals tried to make a splash in the Mark Teixeira sweepstakes, offering him a \$160 million, eight-year contract. Although Teixeira didn't sign with them, it's a positive sign that demonstrates the Nationals aren't afraid to go out and spend some money to improve their ballclub.

It's not hard to envision the Nationals signing Strasburg and going into next season with him, Zimmermann and Lannan at the front of their rotation. They'll retain Adam Dunn and Cristian Guzman, and perhaps will try and land a big name free agent during the offseason — ideally a solid bat like Matt Holliday or Bobby Abreu. A full season of Strasburg mixed with Zimmermann's dominant repertoire and a revamped offense could make the Nationals a darkhorse contender in 2010, especially if they sign a few relief arms to solidify their bullpen.

The future may not be so dark in Washington after all.

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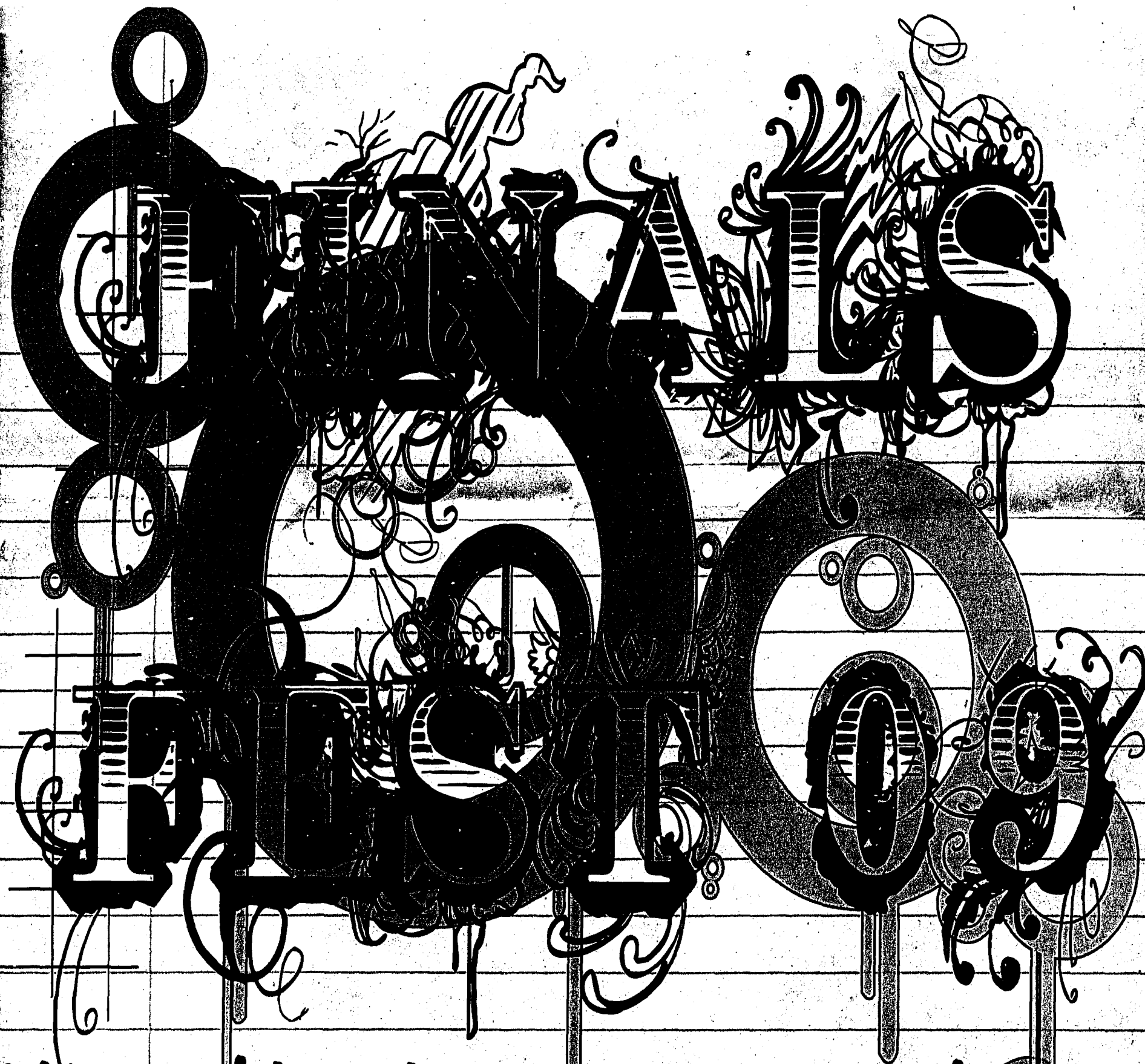
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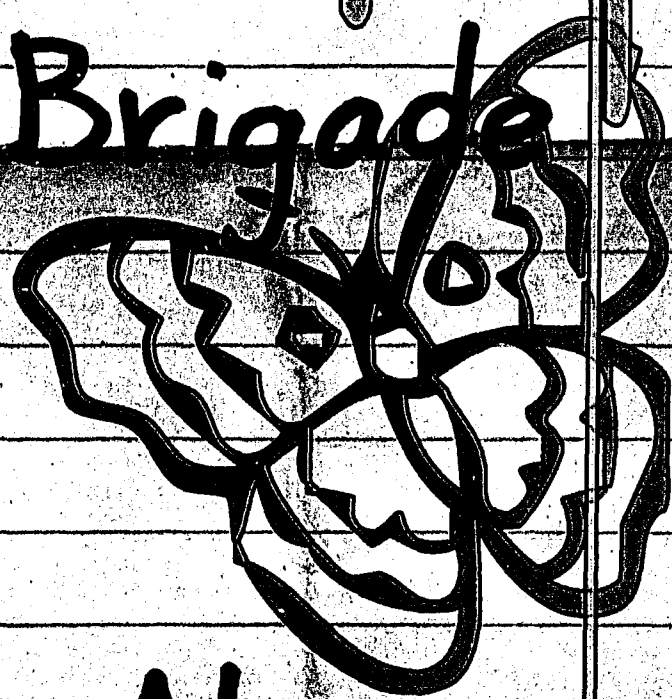
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